

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-12 are amended to recite claim language in conformity with common U.S. practice and to correct typographical errors. Support for the amendment to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed.

The specification is amended to include headings recommended by the USPTO and to cite cross-reference to related applications.

No new matter is added.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26-52 of copending Application No. US 10/589,369.

In response to the provisional rejection, Applicant submits, herewith, a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the provisional rejection of claims 1-12 be withdrawn.

There being no other rejections or objections to the claims, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-12 be allowed.

Conclusion

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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